Dallas Bullet Pits Sprague Against FBI

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The FBI and the House Committee on Assassinations are at odds over a bullet found near where President Kennedy was slain in Dallas in 1963.

An amateur treasure hunter found the buried bullet two years ago with a metal detector on railroad property.

The bullet was turned over to the FBI, which wants to compare it with bullets test-fired from the rifle of Lee Harvey Oswald, Kennedy's accused assassin.

Those bullets, along with the actual bullets and fragments, are locked up at the National Archives.

Richard A. Sprague, director of the House Committee on Assassinations, which is investigating the deaths of Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr., wrote FBI Director Clarence Kelley this week that any new material should be handled by his committee.

The acting archives chief, James O'Neill, has refused to relinquish the exhibits to the FBI and is holding them for the House committee.

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